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1. Within the past few months there has been a change in the attitude of the Russian Attachés here in Mexico in respect to the members of this office. Previously they had been cold and unfriendly. Col. TRUSOV, when somewhat inebriated, would occasionally be most friendly as reported in our R-34-52. On 1 July there was an Attache luncheon and on 2 July a reception in the Russian Embassy to introduce the new Russian Attachés (R-115-52). At both of these functions the Russians were most cordial.
2. Previous to 1 July none of the Russians would admit knowing any English; at the two functions mentioned above Capt 2d Grade (Commdr) Yuri V. IVANOV (Naval Attache) and Lt. Col. Aleksandr P. APARYNOV (Air Attache) spoke to us occasionally in English and translated words and phrases from English to Spanish. At the Embassy Mrs. TRUSOV spoke to us in English.

COMMENT: It is not known here whether this change in attitude and the recent changes in personnel are indicative of a change in orders from Moscow or merely a softening of the individuals cited.